

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-01336-CKK**

S.P. PLAZA, LC v. U.S. GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION
Assigned to: Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/07/2019
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/07/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6109937) filed by S.P. PLAZA, LC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>7</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>8</u> Exhibit 4)(Himes, Lisa) (Attachment 1 replaced on 5/8/2019) (zef,). (Entered: 05/07/2019)
05/07/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by S.P. PLAZA, LC (Himes, Lisa) (Entered: 05/07/2019)
05/08/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. (zef,) (Entered: 05/08/2019)
05/08/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef,) (Main Document 3 replaced on 5/8/2019 to add summons with case number; Additional NEF was generated) (zef,). (Entered: 05/08/2019)

05/09/2019	<u>4</u>	ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 05/09/19. (DM) (Entered: 05/09/2019)
05/14/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/9/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/8/2019. (Himes, Lisa) (Entered: 05/14/2019)
05/14/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 05/09/2019. (Himes, Lisa) (Entered: 05/14/2019)
05/14/2019	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION served on 5/9/2019 (Himes, Lisa) (Entered: 05/14/2019)
05/15/2019	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Damon William Taaffe on behalf of U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 05/15/2019)
06/10/2019	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.(Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 06/10/2019)
06/12/2019	<u>10</u>	ORDER. The parties shall file the schedule not later than JULY 12, 2019 . See Order for further details. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on June 12, 2019. (lcckk1) (Entered: 06/12/2019)
06/12/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/12/2019. (dot) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
07/12/2019	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by S.P. PLAZA, LC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Himes, Lisa) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
07/29/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, which indicates that Defendant has located responsive records and plans to make a series of monthly productions. Defendant intended to release its first batch of responsive records, namely those responsive to items 1–4 of the Freedom of Information Act request, on or before July 15, 2019. In the event that Defendant did not complete that production, at this time the Court simply instructs Defendant to produce any remaining documents from items 1–4 of the request by no later than AUGUST 15, 2019 . The Court adopts the remainder of the parties' proposed schedule. As to items 5–9 of the request, Defendant shall process a minimum of 1,000 pages per month and shall make releases every thirty days beginning on AUGUST 15, 2019 . The parties shall file another Joint Status Report by no later than JANUARY 13, 2020 , identifying the current status of Defendant's processing and production and proposing a schedule for further proceedings. The Court shall refrain at this time from any decision as to a potential future <i>Vaughn</i> index. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on July 29, 2019. (lcckk1) (Entered: 07/29/2019)
07/29/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/13/2020, identifying the current status of Defendant's processing and production and proposing a schedule for further proceedings. (dot) (Entered: 07/30/2019)
09/23/2019		ENTERED IN ERROR.....Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 10/25/2019. (tb) Modified on 9/23/2019 (zdot). (Entered: 09/23/2019)
01/13/2020	<u>12</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. General Services Administration and by S.P. PLAZA, LC. (Himes, Lisa) Modified on 1/14/2020 (ztd). (Entered: 01/13/2020)
01/13/2020	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT with Separate Proposed Order by U.S. General Services Administration and by S.P. PLAZA, LC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Himes, Lisa) (Entered: 01/13/2020)
01/13/2020		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: re <u>12</u> Status Report was entered in error and counsel refiled said pleading as docket entry no. <u>13</u> . (ztd) (Entered: 01/14/2020)

01/14/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, which indicates that the parties have made "substantial progress." In particular, Defendant produced five batches of documents. The parties have conferred about Plaintiff's concerns regarding expanding the search to additional custodians and releasing attachments to certain documents. The parties therefore request additional time to confer about these issues. The Court accordingly adopts the parties' proposal that they submit another Joint Status Report by no later than FEBRUARY 12, 2020 identifying the current status of processing and production and proposing a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on January 14, 2020. (lccck1) (Entered: 01/14/2020)
01/15/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/12/2020. (kt) (Entered: 01/15/2020)
02/12/2020	<u>14</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Robert Aaron Caplen on behalf of U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION Substituting for attorney Damon W. Taaffe (Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 02/12/2020)
02/12/2020	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by <i>U.S. General Services Administration</i> and by S.P. PLAZA, LC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Himes, Lisa) (Entered: 02/12/2020)
02/13/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, in which the parties indicate that Defendant has processed over 2,400 records and released 905 pages of responsive records on February 11, 2020. Defendant anticipates completing the production of all responsive records in April. Accordingly, the Court adopts the parties' suggestion that they submit another Joint Status Report by no later than APRIL 13, 2020 identifying the current status of processing and production and proposing a schedule for further proceedings as necessary. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on February 13, 2020. (lccck1) (Entered: 02/13/2020)
02/13/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/13/2020, identifying the current status of processing and production and proposing a schedule for further proceedings as necessary. (dot) (Entered: 02/13/2020)
04/13/2020	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 04/13/2020)
04/14/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, in which the parties indicate that Defendant has processed over 9,171 pages of records and released 1,676 pages of responsive records on March 13. Defendant continues to process relevant records and, due to the current situation regarding COVID-19 and related logistical challenges, anticipates completing production in late May 2020. Accordingly, the Court adopts the parties' suggestion that they submit a further Joint Status Report by no later than MAY 28, 2020 identifying the current status of processing and production and proposing a schedule for further proceedings as necessary. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on April 14, 2020. (lccck1) (Entered: 04/14/2020)
04/14/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/28/2020, identifying the current status of processing and production and proposing a schedule for further proceedings as necessary. (dot) (Entered: 04/14/2020)
05/28/2020	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 05/28/2020)
05/29/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received the parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, in which the parties indicate that Defendant has processed over 8,000 pages and released on May 6, 2020 859 pages of responsive records. Defendant continues to process relevant records and, due to the current situation regarding COVID-19 and related logistical challenges, anticipates completing production in late June 2020. Accordingly, the Court adopts the parties' suggestion that they submit a further Joint Status Report by no later than JUNE 30, 2020 identifying the current status of processing and production and proposing a schedule for further proceedings as necessary. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on May 29, 2020. (lccck1) (Entered: 05/29/2020)
05/29/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/30/2020 identifying the current status of processing and production and proposing a schedule for further proceedings

		as necessary. (dot) (Entered: 05/29/2020)
06/30/2020	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 06/30/2020)
07/01/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received the parties' <u>18</u> Joint Status Report, in which the parties indicate that Defendant continues to process potentially responsive records and to review custodian records, and that approximately 7,000 custodian records remain to be reviewed. Due to the current situation regarding COVID-19 and related logistical challenges, Defendant anticipates completing production of all responsive records by late August 2020. The Court accordingly adopts the parties' suggestion that they submit another joint status report on or before JULY 30, 2020 identifying the current status of processing and production and proposing a schedule for further proceedings as necessary. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on July 1, 2020. (lccck1) (Entered: 07/01/2020)
07/01/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/30/2020, identifying the current status of processing and production and proposing a schedule for further proceedings as necessary. (dot) (Entered: 07/01/2020)